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In re Application of: Chen, et al.

Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE DOSAGE FORMS OF ANESTHETICS FOR PAIN
MANAGEMENT

Serial No.: 10/699,521
Examiner: Silverman, Eric E.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the
decision dated 01/21/2009 of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-13, 18-20, 22-53, 57-
73, and 122.

Please charge the Appeal Fee of 540.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit
Account No. **50-1953**. (A request for an extension of time of 3 (three)-months is attached,
giving Applicants until 07/21/2009 to file this Notice of Appeal.) The Commissioner is
hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any
overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-1953**.

Respectfully submitted,
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